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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill 444-30(COR) "AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE PAYMENT OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE BETWEEN THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY IN FISCAL YEAR 2010," which I signed into law on August 20, 2010 as Public Law 30-181.

Although I applaud the intent of Bill 444-30 to propose a remedy to the Department of Education's promissory note commitment to GPA in FY 2010, the bill falls far short of meeting the actual \$2.4 million requirement for the entire fiscal year. In addition, potential savings from LEAC adjustments this fiscal year for line agencies and DOE are no longer there as both entities have reported anticipated shortfalls in utilities for the balance of the fiscal year. In fact, DOE has reported anticipating a \$10 million shortfall in all areas by fiscal year end. These notwithstanding, I've signed the bill into law as it avails a tool for remedy should these circumstances change.

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FELIX P. CAMACHO *I Maga'låhen Guahan* Governor of Guahan

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I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 444-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE PAYMENT OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE BETWEEN THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND GUAM THE POWER AUTHORITY IN FISCAL YEAR 2010", was on the 9th day of August, 2010, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this $\underline{944}$ day of $\underline{Augus}_{2010, at}$ $\underline{445}$ o'clock \underline{P} .M.

Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED: Felix P. Camacho

I Maga'lahen Guahan

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Public Law No. P.L. 30-181

Date:

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 444-30 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

v. c. pangelinan Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. <u>T. C. Ada</u> F. B. Aguon, Jr. V. Anthony Ada F. F. Blas, Jr. E. J.B. Calvo B. J.F. Cruz J. V. Espaldon Judith P. Guthertz, DPA T. R. Muña Barnes Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr. R. J. Respicio Telo Taitague Ray Tenorio

AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE PAYMENT OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE BETWEEN THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY IN FISCAL YEAR 2010.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Statement and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, in light of the issue concerning current FY 2010 unpaid electricity bills of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), is proposing a financial remedy to the dilemma at hand. The Guam Power Authority (GPA) has notified the GDOE of its unpaid monthly installment payment on the July 20, 2004 "installment payment agreement for past due electrical service", which the GPA expects to be brought current by August 9, 2010. There is an amount of approximately Two Hundred Thousand
 Dollars (\$200,000) due before this date and GDOE is requesting funding for this
 expenditure in reaction to the GPA notice of disconnection scheduled for the week
 before the beginning of School Year 2010-2011.

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I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that as a result of Public Law 30-55 (the FY 2010 5 Budget Act), funding for the government's utility cost account was appropriated and 6 7 pooled under the Department of Administration (DOA) to address line agency utility 8 expenditures in FY 2010. The total allocation for the FY 2010 utility bank expenses 9 will be lower than budgeted due to recent policy decisions adopted by the 10 Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU), and approved by the Public Utilities 11 Commission (PUC). In a review of all policy options available to address this matter, 12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Levelized Energy Adjustment Charge (LEAC) 13 savings that takes effect in August 2010 provides One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) in cost savings for the GDOE, which will be realized (booked) in the 14 15 subsequent month of September. In addition, Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) (approximately 9%) in LEAC triggered cost savings to the utility cost account will 16 17 occur in September 2010.

I Liheslatura, through this measure, redirects the appropriations from these savings to pay *up to* One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) toward the GDOE-GPA Promissory Note (Note). The remaining balance of the Note *shall* be addressed through a direct and specific authorization granted to the Superintendent of GDOE to engage in any viable transfer of funds within the current GDOE operating budget.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan recognizes the opportunity to apply this recommended funding strategy to deal with the current utility arrearage, or any other remaining short-term debt for that matter, while being mindful of the GDOE's access to and flexibility of supplementing funds through the State Financial Stability Funds (SFSF), the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA), and
 numerous other federal source grants that include reimbursements of indirect costs.

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Lastly, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, in order to avoid this issue from developing into a reoccurring cyclical event, *shall* mandate that the Note be transferred and placed under the management and direction of the DOA beginning October 1, 2010.

6 Transfer of Promissory Note. Effective October 1, 2010 and Section 2. 7 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the agreement between the Department 8 of Education and the Guam Power Authority signed on July 20, 2004, and referred to 9 as the "installment payment agreement for past due electrical service", shall be assigned to and managed by the Department of Administration for purposes of 10 11 administering timely payment of this specific debt agreement or any related subordinate instrument in accordance with the respective schedule of payments. For 12 13 the purposes of this Act and in congruence with the legislative intent, the Department of Administration shall serve solely in the capacity as agent for transacting payment 14 of the GPA-GDOE Note from the government's Utility Cost Account. 15

Section 3. The sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) is hereby
deappropriated from the Utility Cost Account and appropriated to the Guam
Department of Education Object Class 361 for any arrearages due to the Guam Power
Authority in the current fiscal year.

20 Section 4. The Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education is 21 authorized to transfer, reallocate, direct or re-direct any current Guam Department of 22 Education FY 2010 operating funds for the purpose of payment of the promissory 23 note cited in Section 2.

24 Section 5. Severability. *If* any of the provisions of this Act, or the 25 application thereof to any agency or agencies, person or circumstance, is held invalid, 26 such invalidity shall *not* affect any other provision or application of this Act which 1 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the

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2 provisions of this Act are severable.

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Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Senator vicente (ben) c. pangelinan (D)



The People

Chairman Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land

Member Committee on Education

Member Committee on Municipal Affairs, Aviation, Housing, and Recreation

Member Committee on Labor, the Public Structure, Public Libraries, and Technology August 9, 2010

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* Hagatna, Guam

RE: Request to Waive Public Hearing for Bill No. 444-30 (COR).

In light of the emergency situation at the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) with regard to the overdue payments to the Guam Power Authority (GPA) for electricity bills, I hereby request that Bill No. 444-30 (COR) be declared an emergency for the purpose of waiving the public hearing requirements pursuant to 2 GCA §2103.

As you may be aware, the GPA has issued a disconnection notice to GDOE if payments are not made by August 9, 2010. Bill No. 444-30 (COR) seeks to remedy the situation in order that schools are opened on time.

I look forward to your approval of my request and the swift passage of Bill No 444-30 (COR).

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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN | 30th GUAM LEGISLATURE JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

August 9, 2010

To: I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan

RE: Emergency Certification of Bill 444-30 (COR)

After careful evaluation for a request to waive the requirements for a public hearing on bill no. B444-30(COR)

Bill No. 444-30 (COR) - v.c. pangelinan - AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE PAYMENT OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE BETWEEN THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY IN FISCAL YEAR 2010

I certify, pursuant to 2 GCA §2103(a), that an emergency condition exists and that the requirements for a public hearing on bill no. 444-30 (COR) is accordingly waived.

Senseramente,

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

cc: Senator Rory J. Respicio Clerk of the Legislature

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: <u>8-9-10</u>

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 444-30 Resolution No. Question:

NAME	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	NOT VOTING <u>/</u> <u>ABSTAINED</u>	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT
ADA, Thomas C.					
ADA, V. Anthony					
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.	V				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	\checkmark				
CALVO, Edward J.B.	\checkmark				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.					E
ESPALDON, James V.					
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	i/				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose					
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.					
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	\checkmark				······································
RESPICIO, Rory J.	\checkmark				
TAITAGUE, Telo					
TENORIO, Ray					
WON PAT, Judith T.					

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Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote EA = Excused Absence

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. 444 (Cor)

Introduced by:

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14 SECTION 3. The sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) is 15 hereby deappropriated from the Utility Cost Account and appropriated to the 16 Guam Department Of Education Object Class 361 for any arrearages due to the 17 Guam Power Authority for in the current fiscal year.

18 SECTION 4. The Superintendent of the Guam Department of 19 Education is authorized to transfer, reallocate, direct or re-direct any current 20 Guam Department of Education FY2010 operating funds in the amount not to 21 exceed Two-Hundred and Thirty-Thousand Dollars (\$230,000) for the 22 purpose of payment of the promissory note cited in Section 2.

23 **SECTION 5.** Severability. If any provisions of this Act or the 24 application thereof to any agency or agencies, person or circumstance is held 25 invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of 26 this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, 27 and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.